

# Indiana House of Representatives

## News and Information

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### **BLACK LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS TO HOLD**

#### **10TH ANNUAL PRAYER AND PRAISE BREAKFAST ON FEBRUARY 16**

INDIANAPOLIS -- On Wednesday, February 16, the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus will hold its 10th annual Prayer and Praise Breakfast. The breakfast will be held from 7:30-10:00 a.m. at the Westin Hotel Grand Ballroom, 201 W. Washington St, in Indianapolis.

"With the situation our country is in, prayer is more important for us, especially as legislators, than ever," said State Rep. Vernon G. Smith (D-Gary), one of the key organizers for the event. "The Prayer and Praise Breakfast gives us a chance to take time out to get guidance from God."

The keynote speaker for this year's breakfast is Reverend T.A. Smith, Sr., pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fostoria, Ohio. Reverend Smith is a member of the Framework for Progress Taskforce, an organization that focuses on the social and economic development of the city of Fostoria. He is also President of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Toledo and Vicinity, Second Vice President of the Ohio New Life Baptist District Association's Congress of Christian Education, and Second Vice President of the Ohio Baptist State Convention.

"Reverend T.A. Smith, Sr., is one of the most dynamic religious speakers in America at this time," said State Rep. Gregory Porter (D-Indianapolis), chairman of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus. "This is a man who heard the Lord's calling at the age of 14. We are very lucky and very excited to have him as our keynote speaker for this year's Prayer and Praise Breakfast."

Tickets for the event are \$20 per person or \$200 to reserve a table for 10. Seating is reserved upon receipt of payment, which must be received no later than February 11. In the past, tickets for the Prayer and Praise Breakfast have sold out two weeks before the event, so a quick response is encouraged in order to ensure seating is available.

"The Prayer and Praise Breakfast is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in a spiritual manner, to unite in praising our Lord and thank Him for everything He has given us," said Porter. "The Black Legislative Caucus would like to invite everyone to come and share together in the glory of our Lord."

For those who would like to make reservations for the breakfast, contact the IBLC office at 800-382-9842, extension 9646, or call Caucus Assistant Benjamin Moore at 317-232-9995.

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